



**STATEMENT OF PROCEEDINGS
FOR THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE
LOS ANGELES COUNTY BUSINESS LICENSE COMMISSION
KENNETH HAHN HALL OF ADMINISTRATION
500 WEST TEMPLE STREET, ROOM 374-A
LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA 90012
<http://board.co.la.ca.us/blc>**

Wednesday, December 12, 2012

9:00 AM

AUDIO LINK FOR THE ENTIRE MEETING. (12-5823)

Attachments: [AUDIO](#)

Present: President Steven Afriat, Secretary Sara Vasquez and
Commissioner Shan Lee

Absent: Vice President Renée Campbell and Commissioner James
Barger

Call to Order (12-5438)

President Afriat called the meeting to order at 9:01 a.m. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by President Afriat

I. ADMINISTRATIVE MATTER

1. Approval of Minutes for the meeting of November 14, 2012 (12-5442)

On motion of Commissioner Lee, seconded by President Afriat, duly carried by the following vote, this item was approved.

Ayes: 3 - President Steven Afriat, Secretary Sara Vasquez and
Commissioner Shan Lee

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II. PUBLIC HEARINGS

2. Hearing on application for issuance of new Information Card and Notice of Intention to Solicit to George R. Marsh of Marine Corps Veterans Association, located at 2245 Park Towne Circle, Sacramento, CA 95825 in the Third District. (12-5577)

Walter Lewis, representing Marine Corps Veterans Association, explained that the association is a 501(c)19 non-profit and was established in 2007. The association provides health and support to the men and women that served in all branches of the armed forces.

At the request of President Afriat, Mr. Lewis explained the association's financial operations. Mr. Lewis affirmed that the association currently has four board members and only one person is required to sign checks. Mr. Lewis added that the association mostly uses a debit card for expenditures and inquired if that was allowed by the Commission.

President Afriat requested County Counsel to provide further information on the use of a Debit Card. Barbara Goul, County Counsel, explained that this is the first time this issue has been addressed and there is currently nothing attesting the use of a debit card.

At the request of President Afriat, Mr. Lewis agreed to require two signatures on checks and to amend their bylaws to require review by a second member and confirm all debit card expenditures.

On motion of President Afriat, seconded by Secretary Vasquez and unanimously carried, the Commission approved the issuance of a new Information Card.

On motion of President Afriat, seconded by Secretary Vasquez and unanimously carried, the Commission received the Notice of Intention to Solicit.

Ayes: 3 - President Steven Afriat, Secretary Sara Vasquez and Commissioner Shan Lee

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- 3. Hearing on application for Entertainment-General with Dance-Annual Dance for Business License ID# 139719, to issue a new business license to Hitendra D. Golakiea and Ila Patel for The Big Oaks Lodge, located at 33101 Bouquet Canyon Road, Santa Clarita, CA 91390 in the Fifth District (12-5563)**

Cristina Hernandez, Treasurer and Tax Collector's Office (TTC) reported that the applicant has obtained all the necessary County approvals including the background check and TTC has no objections to the issuance of the license.

Discussion regarding the area of the location and its jurisdiction ensued.

Hitendra D. Golakiea owner of the Big Oaks Lodge explained that the venue has been in existence since the 1920's and was acquired by him in October of 2011. The Lodge is a diner, bar and outdoor lounge that offers weekend entertainment and on occasion is used to host weddings and birthday parties.

At the request of President Afriat, Ms. Hernandez clarified that it is an existing business under new ownership and it is the first time an entertainment license has been requested.

At the request of Secretary Vasquez, Mr. Golakiea stated that the winter hours of operation are Thursdays and Fridays from 4:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. and Saturdays and Sundays 9:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. during the summer it is open seven days a week from 9:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. Mr. Golakiea added that they do hold an ABC license, there is no stage or dressing room and the type of entertainment he is requesting a license for live bands and disk jockeys for weddings and other special occasions.

In response to Commissioner Lee, Mr. Golakiea confirmed that the size of the Lodge is approximately, 3,500 sq.ft. of indoor area and about three and half acres of outdoor land including parking; a paved road to the location does exist plus they are about 12-15 miles from the main land and other roadways.

President Afriat questioned who is responsible for public safety in the area. Ms. Hernandez confirmed that it would be the foresters, however, the Los Angeles County Fire Department signed off on the inspection. She added that the Department of Regional Planning has no authority over national forest land and therefore their approval is not necessary.

President Afriat clarified to Mr. Golakiea that a dance license does not coexist with the entertainment license, for example a dance license allows patrons to dance, however, providing dancers as entertainers is not allowed and Mr. Golakiea agreed.

On motion of Secretary Vasquez, seconded by President Afriat, and unanimously carried, the Commission approved the aforementioned license with a stage and dressing room waiver.

Ayes: 3 - President Steven Afriat, Secretary Sara Vasquez and Commissioner Shan Lee

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4. Hearing on application for Taxicab Operator/Taxicab Vehicles (12) Business License ID# 139602, to issue a new license to Taxi Leasing Inc., owner of Yellow Cab Co. & Thousand Oaks Cab Co. located at 554 South Dawson Drive, Camarillo, CA 93012 in the Third District (Continued from meeting of 11/14/12). (12-5245)

President Afriat affirmed that this item is a continuance from the previous hearing so that applicants can provide proof of need and necessity and to resolve workers compensation insurance issues.

Cristina Hernandez, Treasurer and Tax Collector's Office (TTC) explained that the Chief Executive Office representative could not be in attendance to explain the reason why she approved the applicants due to her special assignments.

At the request of President Afriat, Masood Babaeian representative for Taxi Leasing Inc. clarified that they only provide workers compensation insurance to employees of the company and not to contract employees; contract employees are required to provide workers compensation insurance for themselves. Mr. Babaeian further added that the 12 vehicles he is requesting approval for will be covered by workers compensation insurance.

In response to Secretary Vasquez, Mr. Babaeian stated that he would be providing these individuals with a W-2 form establishing them as employees of the company.

President Afriat commended Mr. Babaeian on providing a great amount of both dispatch and call logs in reference to the requested area which substantiates the needs and necessity.

President Afriat added that the Chief Executive Office, Risk Management was content with the fleet and he encouraged Mr. Babaeian to start with converting at least 10% of his fleet to green vehicles. Mr. Babaeian agreed and added that their future goal is to have an entire fleet of green vehicles within a three year timeframe.

Commissioner Lee asked if the rate from the valley to the airport was metered or negotiated. Mr. Babaeian confirmed that it is metered and that only corporate rates are negotiated.

Ms. Hernandez asked that the Commission identify the area that will be approved. The area requested was identified as 10 B.

Discussion on the area requested ensued and if the area was properly noticed on the agenda. Barbara Goul, County Counsel agreed that only the district needs to be identified on the agenda.

After discussion, on motion of President Afriat, seconded by Secretary Vasquez, and unanimously carried, the Commission approved the Taxi Cab operator license.

On motion of President Afriat, seconded by Secretary Vasquez, and unanimously carried, the Commission approved 12 Taxi Cab vehicle licenses with the following conditions:

- One vehicle must be a hybrid**
- Within three years all 12 vehicles must be hybrids**

Ayes: 3 - President Steven Afriat, Secretary Sara Vasquez and Commissioner Shan Lee

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- 5.** **Hearing on application for Bookstore-General Business License ID# 139589, to issue a new license to Enlighten Books & Gifts, for Dezhong Li located at 1015 Nogales Street #133, Rowland Heights, CA in the Fourth District. (12-5244)**

Cristina Hernandez, Treasurer and Tax Collector's Office (TTC) explained that the Sheriff's Department handles bookstore license applications; however, in their absence she stated that the applicant has obtained all the necessary County approvals and there are no objections to the issuance of the license.

Elizabeth Dez Hong Li owner of Enlighten Books and Gifts stated that she was not able to appear at the previously scheduled hearing because she was out of town. In response to Commissioner Lee, Ms. Li confirmed that it is a new bookstore.

Ms. Li stated that no books or magazines containing adult content are sold at the bookstore. The bookstore only carries traditional Chinese books and small gifts. Ms. Li explained that the type of books and magazines are mostly Chinese and contain history, culture, economy, newspapers, and entertainment. She further added that a few come from Asian countries and that it is a traditional mini Chinese bookstore.

Commissioner Lee explained that these types of bookstores are traditional in the Asian culture.

President Afriat clarified that the Commission is not in the occupation to hinder any individual's third amendment rights to sell or carry any books containing adult content; however, a conditional license would be required. Ms. Li agreed.

On motion of Commissioner Lee, seconded by Secretary Vasquez, and unanimously carried, the Commission approved the aforementioned license.

Ayes: 3 - President Steven Afriat, Secretary Sara Vasquez and Commissioner Shan Lee

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III. REPORTS

6. Commissioners' Comments (12-5449)

The Commission reviewed the calendar for December 2012 and January 2013. The Commission agreed to cancel the following meetings:

**December 19, 2012
December 26, 2012 and
January 2, 2013**

The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, January 9, 2013, as a special meeting convening at 11:00 a.m.

IV. MISCELLANEOUS**Public Comment**

7. Opportunity for members of the public to address the Commission on items of interest that are within the jurisdiction of the Commission. (12-5443)

No members of the public addressed the Commission.

Adjournment

8. Adjournment for the meeting of December 12, 2012 (12-5444)

The Commission adjourned the meeting at 9:44 a.m.